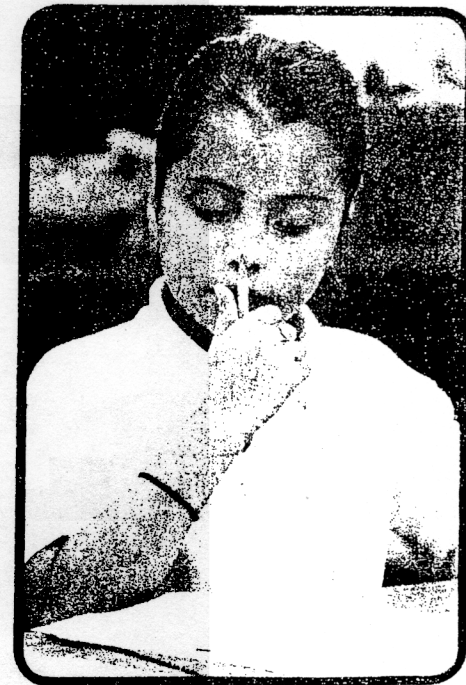
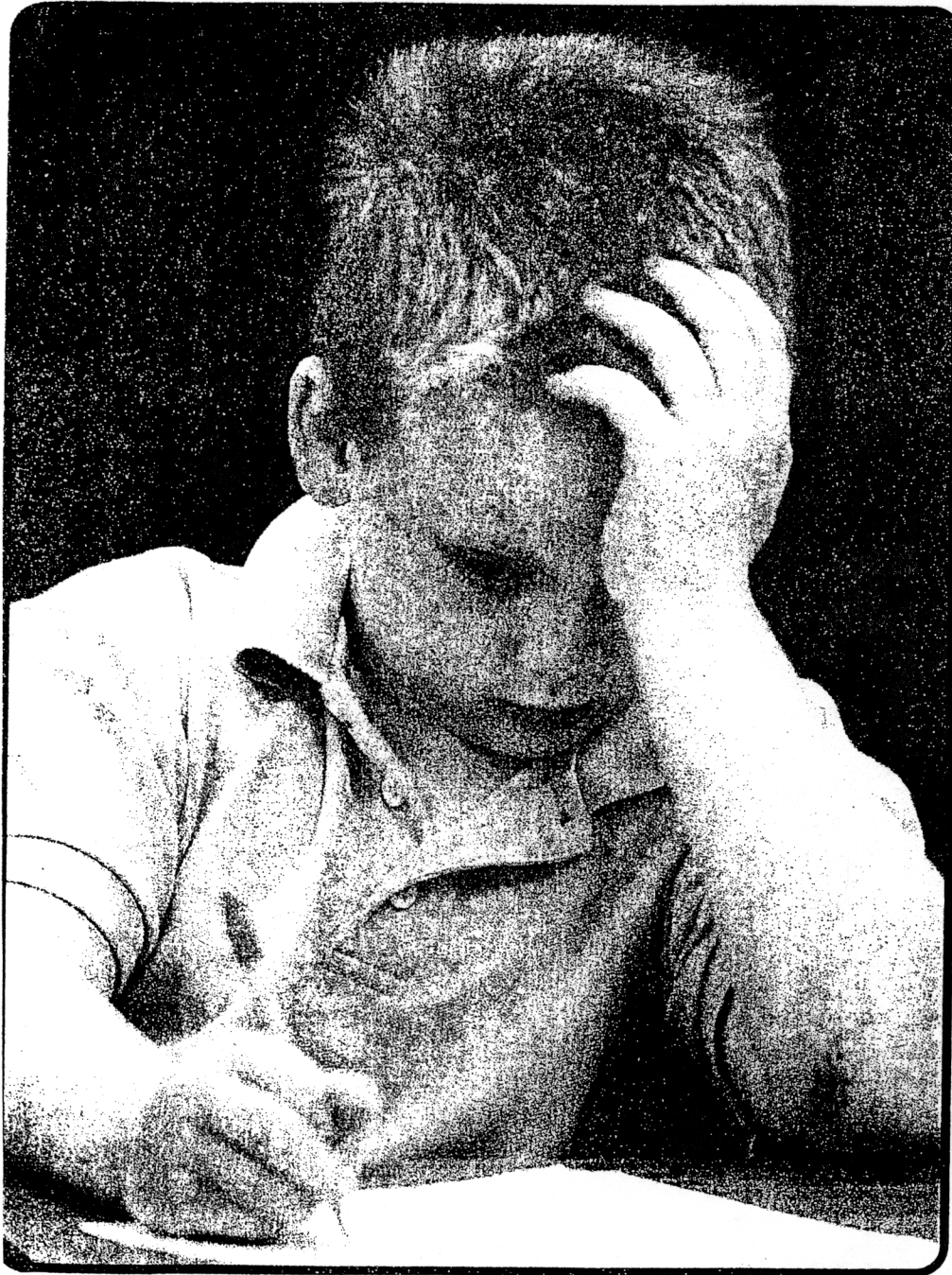


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Writing Portfolio Grade 4

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232 Guess Dr.

KY

March 7, 2006

Dear Reviewer,

Are you ready for combat? Well I'm ready to let you read my portfolio. Well if you're tired after reading those very boring portfolios, then get ready to be amazed by my very interesting writing. Do you know how an army man has to go through basic training? Learning the writing process was like that for me.

complicated sentence

Attempt to establish focus in learning writing process

My favorite piece is my persuasive piece, because I feel that, that is the one that I've worked on the most. The most difficult part of this type of writing is trying to persuade my audience. This is where I had to be convincing enough to make my audience want, think, feel, and believe differently. Hopefully, after reading the last piece in my portfolio you will believe that school should be four days instead of five.

lapse in focus writing about favorite piece

audience connection

transition

If your wondering whether or not I enjoy writing, I would tell you yes because writing is a way to express myself. It's a way to tell someone how I feel and what my feelings are. If you were asking why it is important to

lapse in focus writing about enjoying writing

complex sentence

Attempt to communicate with an audience

2
Transition
write, I would tell you that if you can't write you can't have a portfolio. In addition, writing is a way to communicate and a skill you will need for life. *some idea development*

Awareness of audience needs → Another life skill is reading. I've discovered that the more I read the better I write. Whenever I read chapter books it increases my vocabulary and helps me add details to my writing. The richer my vocabulary gets the higher

Some Genre Characteristics the reading connection my portfolio will score. You can find evidence of this in my poem called "Pilot." To give you a little preview here are some things to look for in my poem: "Sympathetic," "Smooth metallic trigger."

Transition
So soldier, are you ready to enter the front line? If you're ready to enter the war zone, I guess I'm ready to let you read my portfolio. Go get suited up and read my portfolio. This war that will not bring you any harm; it will only bring you peace and freedom.

Sincerely,

A fourth grader

Some idea development, but unelaborated as to how this supports growth as a writer

PILOT

*Authentic purpose
making meaning
of the human
condition*

If I were an army pilot, I would see ...

Crimson, yellow, and burnt orange blazes from bombs exploding,
Sparks shattering left and right from the firearms,
Camouflage green grenade's being thrown in action,
Stalking tanks waiting to shoot their guns at the enemy,
Jets soaring high in the sky as I scurry to my airplane.
It's hard work being an army pilot!

** Descriptive
language*

*Stanzas
+ white
space
used effectively
to move
the reader
through the
piece*

If I were an army pilot, I would smell...

Bloody stench from the men and women that have been shot or killed,
Stinking B.O. from the soldiers that have been working day and night,
Strong scent of burning permanent marker from the jets and helicopter's fuel,
Smoky fumes from the jet engines as they take off from the landing strip,
Sweetness of victory as we defeat our enemy.
It's hard work being an army pilot!

*Use of
repeating
lines
provide
transitions
and reinforce
the purpose*

If I were an army pilot, I would taste...

Salty sweat dripping from my head because I was fighting in the hot sun,
Fresh rain falling on my mouth as I run to my jet to battle in the air,
Moldy mud as I battle crawl through the mud if my jet has crashed,
The stale mist from the cracked window on the side of my F1 bomber,
Sweet and sour of the battle in action.
It's hard work being an army pilot!

*Descriptive
language*

If I were an army pilot, I would hear...

"TaTaTa...!" From the guns as they're being fired right beside me on the jet,
"Kaboom! Kaboom!" Bombs going off as I dip down to launch my next missile,

"F f f f f f f f..." As my jet lands on the landing strip,
Rumbling of the ignition as I start the helicopter ready for my next mission,
"Sly Eye, Sly Eye! You are needed at the battlefield to transport wounded."
It's hard work being an army pilot!

Dialogue

If I were an army pilot, I would feel...

Plated wings of the jet as I check it's safety for flying,
Nervous, afraid I might become the target,
Smooth metallic trigger against my index finger as I launch the missile,

*stylistic
device
onomatopoeia*

The rough steering wheels as I fly the helicopter to rescue others,
Sympathetic for the men that have been shot or killed,
It's hard work being an army pilot!

If I were an army pilot, I would make a difference in the world by...
Fighting for our country's freedom,
I'm proud to be a U.S citizen,
I want to work hard being an army pilot!

*descriptive
language impacts
the reader throughout*

*Poetic structure
of stanzas
easily move the
reader through
the piece*

*Authentic
purpose for
writing*

232 Guess Drive

KY, .

January 11, 2006

Dear C. C. Board Members,

Is your workweek too long? Did you ever think about working longer hours and fewer days? The kids and I here at C.C.E.S would appreciate it if you would shorten the school week from five days to four days. This would let us be prepared for the next week. It would give kids more vacation time to spend with their families, help families and schools save money, and more time to practice for sports. Here are my reasons why!

First of all, it will give kids more vacation time. It will give kids more time to spend with their family and the opportunity to be closer to their parents and siblings. Wouldn't you like to spend more time with your children too? I know I would like to spend more time with my parents. Kids would also have more time to help out with chores. This would give kids the opportunity to practice responsibility at home.

Also, it would help families and schools save money. It would help parents save money on babysitting, maybe even gas. The school would save money on electricity, diesel, and bus drivers. Using less money on

*Sense
characteristics
written for
a realistic
purpose
advocates
a positive*

*Establishes
authentic
focused
purpose*

*Focused
on
reasons
throughout*

*Some idea
development,
but
unelaborated*

*Communicate
with audience*

Transition

electricity, diesel fuel, and fewer wages for bus drivers means more money for the school. Isn't saving money always important?

Transition

Finally, it can give kids the time to practice for sports like basketball or baseball. Also it may give parents the time to teach their kids sports.

Some idea development, but unlaborated

Simple sentence

Sports can teach you discipline. If the kids learn discipline at home there won't be as many problems at school. Does shortening the school week

Complex sentence

sound better all the time?

Can you please shorten the school week? By reading my reasons why you should shorten the school week, I hope I persuaded you to think about my suggestion. Thank you for taking your time to read my letter.

Communicate with audience

Sincerely,

A Fourth Grader

Sentence variety - interrogative statements